Year	Target (In MW)	Achievement (In MW)	% Achievement
1998-99	3299.30	4242.00	128.57
1999-2000	4685.00	4532.50	96.74
2000-01	4000.00	3898.97	97.67

(d) For the Tenth Five Year Plan, the Government has initiated an intensive monitoring process through the Empowered Committee which is chaired by Secretary (Power). Apart from monitoring, the Government provides full budgetary support for all on-going hydro projects. The Government of India has also addressed letters to all the States requesting them to enhance their outlays for the power sector so that capacity addition targets are met. The thrust given on reforms is also expected to give positive results within the next two to three years which would lead to rationalization of tariffs, lowering or T&D losses etc. This would encourage the private sector to bring in further investments for capacity addition.

Technique to improve power distribution system in selected districts

†1140. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a scheme to bring improvement in the Technique of power distribution system, in selected districts with a view to improve the power distribution system in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of districts which have been included in the first stage of the above scheme; and

(c) by when power distribution system is to be improved in these districts alongwith the assessment about the percentage of power saving after this improvement?

† Origial notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) It is a fact that Government of India have launched the Accelerated Power Development Programme for bringing improvement in the power distribution systems in selected distribution circles in the year 2000.

(b) In the first stage 63 distribution circles have been identified for improvement of the power distribution systems.

(c) The funds have been provided to the State Electricty Boards/ Power Utilities in March, 2000 and the schemes are under implementation. The schemes are to be implemented in a phased manner with short-term measures covering two years and long term measures covering a period of two to three years. It is intended to bring down T&D losses from existing level to about 15% after implementation of the project.

Power Generation by SEBs

1141. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the shortage of power in the country is due to the pitiable financial condition of the State Electricity Boards;

(b) the percentage of power generated by electricity boards in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the distribution losses of the boards annually, State-wise for last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The shortage of power is mainly due to inadequate capacity addition and high Transmission and Distribution losses. The poor financial condition of State Electricity Boards affects their ability to take up new projects and also capacity addition in the Private Sector due to lack of payment security mechanism.

(b) Power generated by Electricity Boards/Power Utilities during the year 2000-01 is given in Statement-I (*See* below).